Happy Lunar New Year
Happy Lunar New year to all! We had a small celebration at this week’s assembly with our students getting involved in the celebration and commemorating the year of the monkey. We had a visit from a traditional lion who danced around for us. The sounds of lunar new year where heard via some of our year 6 students popping party poppers as the lion danced by. On behalf of the community I wish all those who celebrate the lunar new year a safe and prosperous new year.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. CSEF applications open from term one 2016. The program will again be promoted to families via school newsletters and websites. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year. Please pick up a form from the office if you have not yet submitted your CSEF application.

School council
Next week we will be calling for nominations for Parent members of School Council. School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. I encourage interested parents and community members to contact me for further information.

What is a school council?
• All government schools in Victoria have a school council (except for the Distance Education Centre, Victoria).
• Each school council is a legal entity in its own right.
• School council is the group of people who are given the power to set the key directions for the school. This means that school council can directly influence the quality of education that a school provides to its students.
• School council endorses the key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents including the School Strategic Plan, the school budget and the Annual Report to the School Community.
• School council therefore makes sure that the school is running effectively in terms of how it spends its money and the guidelines it makes for how the school is to work.
• The school council is accountable to the Minister for Education in respect to how it fulfils its functions.
ART SMOCKS

A big warm welcome back to all students and their families in 2016 from the Visual Arts room. Some very exciting activities will take place this year, including art shows at school and through Gallery Sunshine and Brimbank City Council.

Just a reminder that all students will require an art smock for Visual Arts. The art smock can be one which you purchase from a store. Or if you prefer, it can be an old shirt or an oversized tee shirt that fits comfortably over your child’s Summer and Winter uniform.

Please ensure that your child’s art smock is clearly labelled with their name and 2016 grade name.

In this way art smocks are unlikely to be lost, misplaced or mistaken by someone else as their own.

Yours In Art

Judy Tanner.

Mackellar Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 23 February 2016

Payment is to be made using the photo envelopes you have received, which is to be returned to school and handed to the photographer on the day of the photos.

Please pay the correct amount as NO CHANGE will be available.

Family photos (brothers and sisters attending Mackellar) are available; you can collect a family photo notice from the office.

Mackellar Primary School
Congratulations to the Students of the Week!

Mathew Kovacevic, Tiffany To, Ari Akamatis, Zaki Ali, Manvir Chahal, Lemeki Malu, Alicia Lim, Sandra Lay, Atong Deng, Tendi Chibisa, Marie Akamatis, Maddison Vunderl, Mia Chetcuti, Arvin Loyal, Angela Pavlides, Cash Duong, Brittney Cameron, Tyler Pham, Annabella Nonev & Nathan Ly
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Delahey Community Centre: www.delahay.org.au

Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800
Parentline: 13 22 89 Website: www.parentline.vic.gov.au
Relationships Australia: 8311 9222
Depression – you’re not alone - Website: www.beyondblue.org.au
Mensline: 1300 789 978
Victorian Poisons Information Centre: 131 126

Lifeline: 13 11 14
Care Ring: 24 hour counselling service 13 61 69
Gamblers Help: 1800 858 858
Phone: 1300 22 4636
Nurse-On-Call: 1300 606 024
School Dental Service 1300 360 054

Women’s Domestic Violence: 9322 3555 or 1800 015 188

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K & K
CALISTHENICS

Calisthenics is a mix of gymnastics, ballet, singing, jazz and apparatus manipulation.

Classes start this week!
Come along and try calisthenics at K&K
First 2 classes are FREE

Contact Kim on 0408 208 025
or Katie on 0421 417 303
Located at: 5/47-51 Rebecca Drive, Ravenhall

Tinies: 3 - 7 yrs on Saturdays 9.30am - 11am
Subbies: 7-10 yrs on Saturdays 11am - 1pm
Juniors: 10-13 yrs on Saturdays 1pm - 3pm
Inters: 13-16 yrs on Wednesdays 5pm - 7pm
Seniors: 16 and over on Wednesdays 7pm - 9.30pm
Masters: 26 and over on Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm